# Powell Takes Oath Jan. 7

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New Supreme Court Justices Lewis F. Powell of Virginia and William H. Rhenquist of Arizona will be sworn in at special ceremony Jan. 7, the court announced yesterday.

The new associate justices will then go right to work, taking part in the regular Friday morning conference of the justices following the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Powell, who succeeds the late Justice Hugo L. Black, becomes the 99th justice in the history of the court. Rhenquist, No. 100, succeeds retired Justice John M. Harlan and becomes last in seniority among the justices.

The ceremony will be the only public business of the court that day. It will open with announcement by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the appointments. Court Clerk Robert Seaver will then read the commissions of appointment, and Burger will administer the oaths.

Powell, a Richmond lawyer and the seventh Supreme Court member from Virginia, was confirmed by the Senate Dec. 6 by a vote of 89 to 1.

Rhenquist, an assistant U.S. attorney general and the first Arizonan to sit on the high court, was confirmed 68 to 26 on Dec. 10.